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In re the Application of

Inventors: Wm. R. VAN ETEN et al. Examiner: D. E. Kerr

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2002,  
Applicants hereby request amendment of the above-captioned  
Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9 to read as follows (a marked-up copy of  
the claim is included as Exhibit I):

9. (Amended) A procurement system as recited in claim 2,  
wherein said predetermined relationships include class, attribute  
and value characteristics.

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